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Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 26, 2003, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, including claims 1, 3-5, 7-11 and 20 without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

The Restriction Requirement dated August 26, 2003, incorrectly placed claim 20 in Group I, drawn to the method of manufacturing a bag. Claim 20 is directed to a commercial potato shipping container and is not a method claim. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 20 appropriately belongs in the elected group of claims.

Favorable consideration of the claims and its early allowance are respectfully requested. If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

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